

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

5 1. A method for facilitating international travel, the method comprising the steps of:  
creating, in response to a signal communicated through an internet-enabled  
device coupled for data communications through at least one internet  
connection to an international travel server, a travel record to be stored  
within the international travel server;

10 creating, in dependence upon the travel record, an immigration admissions  
form for the destination country; and  
submitting the immigration admissions form to an immigration admission  
forms database for the destination country.

15 2. The method of claim 1 wherein the internet-enabled device is a workstation in a  
kiosk at an airport.

3. The method of claim 1 wherein the internet-enabled device is a workstation  
installed in the back of a passenger chair in an airplane.

20 4. The method of claim 1 wherein the internet-enabled device is a personal  
computer.

5. The method of claim 1 wherein the internet-enabled device is a hand-held  
25 personal data administrator.

6. The method of claim 1 wherein the at least one internet connection is wireless.

7. The method of claim 1 wherein the travel record comprises travel data describing travel, the travel data including identification of a traveler and of a destination country.

5 8. The method of claim 1 wherein the international travel server is a software application installed and operating on one or more computers, the software application further comprising software routines storing and retrieving travel records, validating travel described in travel records against admissions rules stored in admissions rules databases, and submitting to immigration databases 10 immigration admissions forms prepared in dependence upon the travel records.

9. The method of claim 1 wherein creating in dependence upon the travel record, an immigration admissions form for the destination country, further comprises reading travel data from a travel record and inserting the read travel data into an 15 immigration admissions form.

10. The method of claim 1 wherein submitting the immigration admissions form to an immigration admission forms database for the destination country further comprises communicating the forms as electronic data communications through at 20 least one internet connection.

11. The method of claim 1 further comprising validating the travel described in a travel record.

25 12. The method of claim 11 wherein validating the travel records further comprises comparing the travel described by travel data in the travel record to admissions rules governing the travel described by the travel data in the travel record and reporting to the traveler through the internet-enabled device a result of the

comparison.

13. The method of claim 12 further comprising storing the result of the comparison in the travel record.

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14. The method of claim 1 wherein the travel record comprises a travel record form, wherein the travel record form is dependent upon admissions rules.

15. A system for facilitating international travel, the system comprising:

means for creating, in response to a signal communicated through an internet-enabled device coupled for data communications through at least one internet connection to an international travel server, a travel record to be stored within the international travel server;

means for creating in dependence upon the travel record, an immigration admissions form for the destination country; and

means for submitting the immigration admissions form to an immigration admission forms database for the destination country.

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16. The system of claim 15 wherein the internet-enabled device is a workstation in a kiosk at an airport.

17. The system of claim 15 wherein the internet-enabled device is a workstation

15 installed in the back of a passenger chair in an airplane.

18. The system of claim 15 wherein the internet-enabled device is a personal computer.

20 19. The system of claim 15 wherein the internet-enabled device is a hand-held personal data administrator.

20. The system of claim 15 wherein the at least one internet connection is wireless.

25 21. The system of claim 15 wherein the travel record comprises travel data describing travel, the travel data including identification of a traveler and of a destination country.

22. The system of claim 15 wherein the international travel server is a software application installed and operating on one or more computers, the software application further comprising software routines storing and retrieving travel records, validating travel described in travel records against admissions rules stored in admissions rules databases, and submitting to immigration databases immigration admissions forms prepared in dependence upon the travel records.

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23. The system of claim 15 wherein means for creating in dependence upon the travel record an immigration admissions form for the destination country, further 10 comprises means for reading travel data from a travel record and means for inserting the read travel data into an immigration admissions form.

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24. The system of claim 15 wherein means for submitting the immigration admissions form to an immigration admission forms database for the destination country 15 further comprises means for communicating the forms as electronic data communications through at least one internet connection.

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25. The system of claim 15 further comprising means for validating the travel described in a travel record.

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26. The system of claim 25 wherein means for validating the travel records further comprises means for comparing the travel described by travel data in the travel record to admissions rules governing the travel described by the travel data in the travel record and means for reporting to the traveler through the internet-enabled 25 device a result of the comparison.

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27. The system of claim 26 further comprising means for storing the result of the comparison in the travel record.

28. The system of claim 15 wherein the travel record comprises a travel record form, wherein the travel record form is dependent upon admissions rules.

29. A computer program product for facilitating international travel, the method comprising:

a recording medium;

means, recorded on the recording medium, for creating, in response to a signal  
5 communicated through an internet-enabled device coupled for data communications through at least one internet connection to an international travel server, a travel record to be stored within the international travel server;

means, recorded on the recording medium, for creating in dependence upon  
10 the travel record, an immigration admissions form for the destination country; and

means, recorded on the recording medium, for submitting the immigration admissions form to an immigration admission forms database for the destination country.

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30. The product of claim 29 wherein the internet-enabled device is a workstation in a kiosk at an airport.

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31. The product of claim 29 wherein the internet-enabled device is a workstation installed in the back of a passenger chair in an airplane.

32. The product of claim 29 wherein the internet-enabled device is a personal computer.

25 33. The product of claim 29 wherein the internet-enabled device is a hand-held personal data administrator.

34. The product of claim 29 wherein the at least one internet connection is wireless.

35. The product of claim 29 wherein the travel record comprises travel data describing travel, the travel data including identification of a traveler and of a destination country.

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36. The product of claim 29 wherein the international travel server is a software application installed and operating on one or more computers, the software application further comprising software routines storing and retrieving travel records, validating travel described in travel records against admissions rules stored in admissions rules databases, and submitting to immigration databases immigration admissions forms prepared in dependence upon the travel records.

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37. The product of claim 29 wherein means, recorded on the recording medium, for creating in dependence upon the travel record, an immigration admissions form for the destination country, further comprises means for reading travel data from a travel record and means for inserting the read travel data into an immigration admissions form.

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38. The product of claim 29 wherein means, recorded on the recording medium, for submitting the immigration admissions form to an immigration admission forms database for the destination country further comprises means for communicating the forms as electronic data communications through at least one internet connection.

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25 39. The product of claim 29 further comprising means, recorded on the recording medium, for validating the travel described in a travel record.

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40. The product of claim 39 wherein means, recorded on the recording medium, for validating the travel records further comprises means for comparing the travel described by travel data in the travel record to admissions rules governing the travel described by the travel data in the travel record and means for reporting to the traveler through the internet-enabled device a result of the comparison.

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41. The product of claim 40 further comprising means, recorded on the recording medium, for storing the result of the comparison in the travel record.

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42. The product of claim 29 wherein the travel record comprises a travel record form, wherein the travel record form is dependent upon admissions rules.